

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain in the case. Claims 16-20 are canceled herein. Claims 1-8 are allowed, while claims 9-15 stand rejected on formal grounds. Reconsideration based on the below remarks is kindly requested.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, because it is allegedly "unclear which releasably coupled section (first or second) the 'said socket coupling protrusion' is connected to."

Applicants offer the following comments with respect to this rejection. Claim 9, on lines 16-17, recites "**said second section including** said mounting surface and **said socket engaging mechanism**." Previously, on lines 12-13, the "**socket engaging mechanism**" is defined as "**including a socket coupling protrusion**." Accordingly, Applicant submits that the socket coupling protrusion is included with the socket engaging mechanism that is included with the second (releasably coupled) section.

Alternatively, should the Examiner not agree that claim 9 as written particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter of the invention under §112, Applicants would assent to an Examiner's Amendment in which, beginning on line 11, claim 9 read, "... said second section including said mounting surface, said socket engaging mechanism **and said socket coupling protrusion**" Applicants would also welcome any related amendments proposed by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing Amendments and these Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-15 are now in condition for allowance and early notification of same is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the listed telephone number.


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